

JANUARY 9, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill, (No. 165,) to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan.

A BILL

Authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to correct mistakes in entries of land.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 where any mistake may have been made, or may hereafter be
4 made, by any purchaser of the public lands, in designating
5 the tract intended to be purchased, such person may exhibit
6 his own affidavit, and such other evidence as may be in his
7 power, shewing the mistake to the Register and Receiver of
8 the district in which the purchase was made; and if the
9 Register and Receiver shall be satisfied that a mistake has
10 been made, or if requested by the person making the purchase,
11 they shall transmit the evidence submitted to them,
12 together with their written opinion on the subject, to the Commissioner
13 of the General Land Office, who, on an examination
14 of the facts, shall be authorized to change the entry, and transfer
15 the payment to the tract intended to have been entered, if
16 unsold, but if sold, to any other tract liable to entry; *Provided,*
17 he shall be satisfied that a mistake has been made.